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TAGS: ENRG, NI

SUBJ: NIGERIA PLANS WILDCAT OIL DRILLING

1. GULF OIL NIGERIA INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NIGERIAN NATIONAL  
OIL CO. WILL EMBARK ON ITS FIRST WILDCAT DRILLING  
OPERATION WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS. NNOC WILL RENT RIG  
NO LONGER NEEDED BY GULF AND WILL EMPLOY TWO AMERICANS  
AS SUPERVISORS.

2. ONLY FOURTEEN RIGS STILL IN OPERATION IN COUNTRY AS  
FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES PARE DOWN DRILLING OPERATIONS  
IN FACE NARROWED PROFIT MARGINS.

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